

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An electronic system, comprising:
 - an electronic device having a need for a data storage and/or retrieval device during operation;
 - a hard disk drive mounted to and for providing data storage and/or retrieval for the electronic device, and at least a portion of the hard disk drive is observable by a user of the electronic system during operation of the electronic system; the hard disk drive comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a motor mounted to the housing;
 - a disk mounted to the motor, having a hub, and being rotatable relative to the housing;
 - an actuator mounted to the housing and being movable relative to the disk, the actuator having a head for reading data from and writing data to the disk; and
 - a cover mounted to the housing for covering the disk and the actuator in the housing, the cover being at least partially transparent for allowing observation of at least some movement inside the housing through the cover during operation of the disk drive.
2. The electronic system of claim 1, wherein the electronic device is a desktop computer of a retrograde-looking design.
3. The electronic system of claim 1, wherein the electronic device is an MP3 player.
4. The electronic system of claim 1, wherein the electronic device is a pocket PC.
5. The electronic system of claim 1, wherein the electronic device is a mobile telephone.
6. The electronic system of claim 1, wherein the cover permits observation of the disk and the actuator.

7. The electronic system of claim 1, wherein the cover is completely transparent and clear.
8. The electronic system of claim 1, wherein the cover is tinted with a color.
9. The electronic system of claim 1, wherein the cover is translucent.
10. The electronic system of claim 1, wherein the cover is integrally formed as a cover for both the electronic device and the hard disk drive.
11. The electronic system of claim 1, wherein a portion of the cover is structurally reinforced with materials that are opaque.
12. The electronic system of claim 1, further comprising a flashing device mounted to the housing for making movement inside the housing appear to move at a speed that is less than an actual speed of the movement.
13. The electronic system of claim 12, wherein the flashing device is a stroboscope.
14. The electronic system of claim 13, wherein the flashing device makes the disk, the hub, and the actuator appear to move at speeds that are less than their actual speeds.
15. The electronic system of claim 1, further comprising decorations on at least one of the disk, the hub, and the actuator, wherein the decorations cause appearance of color, and change and movement of color depending on an angle of observation to additionally contribute to an appearance of the hard disk drive.

16. The electronic system of claim 1, further comprising a pattern on at least one of the disk, the hub, the actuator, and the cover to additionally contribute to an appearance of the hard disk drive.
17. The electronic system of claim 16, wherein the pattern is a diffraction grating pattern.